

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

A complete listing of the claims and their status as of this Amendment is as follows:

1.(Currently amended) A collapsible, hand-operated hauling device for hauling items, comprising:
a bed having a top surface structured for supporting transportable items, said bed comprising two or more sections that are joined together in a manner enabling the sections to be folded together in a collapsed state of said hauling device, each said section having a top surface which, in combination, form said top surface of said bed for receiving and supporting transportable items;
at least one handle secured to said bed in a manner enabling said at least one handle to be folded together with said bed into a collapsed state;
a wheel assembly secured to said bed at a position generally opposite said at least one handle; and
at least one positioning mechanism secured to one of said sections of said bed and positioned to contact ~~the~~ said top surface of the adjoining section and span said top surface of said bed between said adjoining sections of said bed when the hauling device is in a non-collapsed state to securely position and maintain said adjoining sections in adjacent alignment when in a non-collapsed state.

2.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 1 further comprising at least one auxiliary handle positioned for lifting said bed when in a collapsed state.

3.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 1 further comprising a locking device positioned for securing said at least one handle into a first position for using said hauling device to haul.

4.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 3 wherein said locking device is further structured and positioned to secure said at least one handle in position proximate said bed when in a collapsed state.

5.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 1 further comprising a frame surrounding said bed.

6.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 5 further comprising at least one auxiliary handle positioned along said frame for lifting said hauling device.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

8.(Previously presented) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 1 wherein said bed is comprised of two sections which are pivotally joined together.

9.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 8 wherein said at least one handle is pivotally connected to said bed.

10.(Currently amended) A collapsible, hand-operated hauling device,
comprising:
a bed for receiving transportable items thereon, said bed being further comprised of two sections pivotally joined together and being movable from a first collapsed position to a second non-collapsed position;
a handle assembly pivotally connected to one of said two sections, said handle assembly having at least one terminal end ~~located in proximity~~ connected adjacent to said bed;
a locking mechanism positioned between said handle assembly and said one of two

bed sections to lock said handle assembly into a non-collapsed position relative to said bed;
a handle positioning mechanism located between said at least one terminal end of said handle assembly and said bed for positioning said terminal end of said handle assembly in said non-collapsed position at a non-perpendicular angle to said bed when said handle assembly is in said non-collapsed position; and
a wheel assembly having as least one wheel, said wheel assembly being secured to the other of said two bed sections.

11.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 10 further comprising a bed frame surrounding at least a portion of said bed for stabilizing said bed.

12.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 10 further comprising at least one auxiliary handle connected to at least one of said two bed sections and positioned to provide means for lifting said hauling device in said first collapsed position.

13.(Previously presented) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 12 wherein said at least one auxiliary handle is a handle connected to one of said two bed sections and is positioned opposite and in spaced orientation to said wheel assembly.

14.(Previously presented) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 10 wherein said locking mechanism is further structured and positioned to retain said handle assembly in a collapsed state adjacent said bed.

15.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 10 wherein

said handle assembly further comprises a right handle and a left handle connected to right handle such that said right handle and left handle pivot in tandem relative to said bed.

16.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 15 further comprising a bed frame peripherally surrounding at least a portion of said bed.

17.(Previously presented) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 16 further comprising at least one auxiliary handle positioned for lifting said bed in a first collapsed position.

18.(Previously presented) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 17 further comprising a fender positioned between said bed and said wheel of said wheel assembly.

19.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 17 further comprising a locking mechanism positioned to engage and releasably secure said two bed sections together in said first collapsed position.

20.(Original) The collapsible, hand-operated hauling device of claim 19 further comprising a locking device positioned to releasably attach said handle assembly to at least one of said two bed sections in said first collapsed position.